

**NOTE: COMMENT PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL
MARCH 21, 2006.**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

by the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region IX, WTR-5
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

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Public Notice Date: February 8, 2006

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (USEPA) is issuing notice of a Public Hearing to be held regarding the proposed action under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The USEPA is proposing to issue a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit CA0049675 to:

Buena Vista Rancheria, Flying Cloud Casino; 4650 Coal Mine Road; Ione, CA 95640

EPA issued a public notice for the proposed action in the *Amador County Ledger Dispatch* on December 21, 2005. During the comment period, EPA received several requests to hold a public hearing. Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 124.11, EPA has considered this request and has decided to hold a public hearing due to the significant level of public interest in this action. The public hearing will be held:

March 21, 2006, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
Evelyn Bishop Hall, 600 South Church St.; Ione, CA.

Any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit. Reasonable limits may be set upon the time allowed for oral statements. The Administrative Record, including the draft permit, fact sheet, comments received, permit application, and other relevant documents, is available for review and may be obtained by calling or writing the contact listed below. Notice is also given of the availability of a revised Biological Resources Assessment, dated January 20, 2006. Notice is given that the comment period is re-opened until March 21, 2006. Interested persons may also submit written comments on the draft permit to the contact listed below until March 21, 2006. All comments or objections received through the public hearing will be retained and considered in the formulation of the final determinations regarding the permit.

Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of

the final permit decision. The final permit will become effective 33 days from the date of mailing, unless a petition is filed with the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) to review any conditions of the final permit. Persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the draft permit or participated in a public hearing.

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